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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - CAA PRESS RELEASE ON MLS

1. A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE CAA DATED MARCH 15 IS
QUOTED FOR INFORMATION:

"U.K. RECOMMENDS DMLS FOR WORLD-WIDE ADOPTION.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE BEST AIRCRAFT LANDING
SYSTEM FOR FUTURE USE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WAS EMPHASIZED
IN LONDON TODAY BY MR. TOM MCWIGGAN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY. IT

IS IMPORTANT, HE SAYS, NOT ONLY FOR AIRLINES, AIRPORTS
AND DEFENCE SYSTEMS, BUT ALSO, NOT LEAST, FOR THE AIR
TRAVELLER.

"ON THE BASIS OF TRIALS AND COMPARISONS WITH OTHER
SYSTEMS, THE CAA AND UK GOVERNMENT ARE CONVINCED THAT
THE DOPPLER MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM (DMLS) IS THE BEST
OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL/
AVIATION ORGANISATION AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE CHOSEN AS
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THE WORLD-WIDE NEW GUIDANCE STANDARD.

"MR. MCWIGGAN SAYS THAT "THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE
CAA DID NOT FORMALLY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO DMLS UNTIL A
GREAT DEAL OF WORK AND RESEARCH HAD BEEN DONE WHICH GAVE
THEM A RELIABLE BASIS FOR MAKING A TRULY TECHNICAL
DECISION ON THE MERITS OF THE CASE".

"AFTER SEEING THE SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE OF DMLS AT VARIOUS SITES IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT THE U.S. PROPOSED SYSTEM, TIME REFERENCE SCANNING BEAM (TRSB), THE UK IS CONVINCED:

"(1) THAT DOPPLER MLS CAN PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT, ECONOMIC AND SAFE APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM;

"(2) THAT IT IS THE BEST OF THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE TO ICAO; AND

"(3) THAT ON THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TRSB CANNOT PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE, SAFE AND PRACTICAL SYSTEM AT AN ECONOMIC PRICE.

"A SPECIAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CONVENED BY ICAO TO TAKE PLACE IN MONTREAL (4-21 APRIL) IN ORDER TO ADOPT A NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR A FUTURE LANDING GUIDANCE SYSTEM." CASEY, ALON-1.

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